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News briefs

Road closure

A partial road closure to place a new storm drain system continues through Wednesday on 76th Street between 1st Avenue North and Goddard Drive. One way traffic will be allowed to travel west toward Goddard Drive on 76th Street. Directional road signs and barricades will be in place. Call Bob Lajoie at 731-6365.

Overpay of Social Security

Of the 1,500 Air Force people overpaid due to the under collection of Social Security withholding of FICA and Medicare, six Malmstrom members have been affected and notified.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Center will release the names of affected individuals on a monthly basis, and the Financial Services Office in turn will directly notify the members. So far, six Malmstrom member's June 1 pay and one Malmstrom member's July 1 pay have been affected.

"It's probable that other members will be affected Aug. 1; as soon as we are notified we will contact them," said 2d Lt Tanya Crow, 341st Comptroller Squadron. Call finance at 731-3193.

Base hazardous areas

The Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board recently made changes to the Defense Department Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards. It changed quantity-distance requirements to the public traffic route. These new changes have created restrictions to current roadways near explosive storage areas. Portions of Perimeter Road near the weapons storage area, and Missile Drive near the missile handling area have warning signs restricting foot traffic and stopping between signs. These areas are explosive hazards. Reducing exposure will reduce the risk to personnel. Be on the lookout for the warning signs. Call safety at 731-6712.

Team Malmstrom salutes deployed personnel and their families.
33 personnel in five operations

Current as of Thursday

WARRIOR WEATHER




Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
20%	20%	20%
67/43 F	74/45 F	74/44 F



Photo by SrA Ed Braly

Malmstrom gets on-point ...

A 341st Security Forces Squadron airman takes aim during the 2001 Nuclear Surety and Compliance inspections.

Evaluators check out Team Malmstrom

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Outside eyes are peering through books, over files and at the men and women assigned to Malmstrom's combat missile mission during a two-week nuclear surety, compliance and operational readiness inspection by Headquarters Air Force Space Command evaluators.

A team of 96 people traveling with the A F S P C Inspector General arrived at Malmstrom Sunday to examine how the 341st Space Wing conducts its mission. The command's IG, Col Dick Webber, is heading up the group that includes airmen from around the Air Force, and two inspectors from England and Italy.

"We have an incredible wealth of talent on the inspector general staff," Col

Webber said. A two-time wing commander at space and missile installations, the colonel said his evaluators are the best in their career fields. That's good news for Malmstrom, he added.

"My people are very seasoned and very mature," the command's inspector general explained. "They've seen good ways and bad ways to do things over the years. What we do for the people at Malmstrom

is evaluate you against a standard, and leave behind a better way to do business." His inspectors will also share programs from Malmstrom

that are deemed "best seen" by inspectors with the rest of the command and the Air Force.

"This is your chance to show my team, Air Force Space Command, and our allies around the world just how good you really are," Col Webber explained. "I don't have

preconceived notions of how to get the job done. I do have a lot of experience in the field of getting the mission done." The colonel said he has two questions for people his team evaluates: Did the mission get done? And did headquarters provide the equipment and training needed to be successful?

Training and equipment are essential for success when your job is maintaining a combat-ready force of 200 intercontinental ballistic missiles on alert around-the-clock. Malmstrom does it better than anyone anywhere, said 341st Space Wing Commander Col Tom Deppe.

"Every day, Team Malmstrom supports our nation's need for nuclear deterrence, mobility and contingency operations," Col Deppe said. "The NSI, ORI and compliance inspections are the license we need to continue to support Air Force Space Command's requirements for force application and mission support. If we do our jobs for the IG the way we work everyday, we'll show the IG team that we are a world-class force. The Inspector General team will be here for two weeks so don't let your guard down."

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